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Dear Sir:

There is no *prima facie* case of anticipation or obviousness against any of Applicant's claims. The Examiner's position regarding the cited *Wilcox* reference (US Patent No. 4,624,097) is directly contrary to the express teachings of the reference. There is no reason for this case to go to the Board of Appeals when there is no basis for the rejections.

The Examiner asserts that the *Wilcox* reference teaches "coating the load carrying members with a single urethane coating (column 2, line 44) that does not contain wax (column 3, lines 1 and 60)." That assertion is directly contrary to what the *Wilcox* reference actually teaches because it expressly teaches that the jacket 32 of that reference includes wax.

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The *Wilcox* reference teaches that its jacket 32 is made of HYTREL, which is a polyester elastomer. There is nothing to indicate that the HYTREL material is made different than other polyester elastomers, which typically include some form of wax. Moreover, column 3, line 1, says that a "fatty acid amide was used as a lubricant during manufacture so that this lubricant was present in the finished rope." Applicant already provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that a fatty acid amide is a wax. Therefore, the *Wilcox* reference expressly teaches that a wax (i.e., a fatty acid amide) is present in the finished rope. It is therefore impossible to interpret the *Wilcox* reference as having a jacket "that does not contain wax." Given that a wax is present in the *Wilcox* reference jacket, there is no possible *prima facie* case of anticipation against any of Applicant's claims, which include a "urethane that does not include wax" or a "waxless urethane."

Additionally, Column 3, line 60 through column 4, line 4, of the *Wilcox* reference teach additional lubricants that are described as "beneficial in the finished product" including waxes of various sorts. These portions of the *Wilcox* description also state explicitly that wax is included in the jacket 32.


Because the *Wilcox* reference clearly discloses a wax contained within the jacket 32, it does not teach what the Examiner contends. Therefore, there is no *prima facie* case of anticipation and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 must be withdrawn.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 relies upon the same erroneous interpretation of the *Wilcox* reference. There is no *prima facie* case of obviousness because the reference does not teach what the Examiner contends. That rejection should be withdrawn, also.

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Respectfully submitted,

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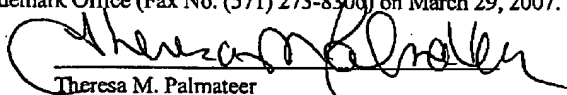


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